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is most earnestly studied by a Con-

end of his term he is at. There has been some snow in Pittsburg, but it is reported that by the time it got through the smoke the in-

habitants used it for stove polish. It may be the Civil Service all right, but if the present barbed-wire movement goes on the place-hunters will find it a mighty inhospitable service.

Evanston, Illinois, declares that it is all very well; but it is impossible for people to keep their souls up there all the time, and live.

The water from the new reservoir

In regard to the report that Mr. Choate will enter the Cabinet, Senator Dépew earnestly declares that there is nothing in it; which sounds like the preliminary to one of those slid- of employment. ing-panel conjuror tricks.

A question yet unsettled is this: If party under the impression that they are burglars, what is the proper etiquette for him to observe when he takes them for what they are?

really ought to do something for eign blood. their imaginations before it is too This is not by any means an alto-

in self-defence.

The Congressional Library.

nam, of the Library of Congress, a constructed, and based on good, way to a living income there. These the difficulty in the way is only that so effective a weapon in the War of of money; that it could easily be arranged, at a cost of only \$13,000 a world talking of the victories achiev- cy and filed suit in the chancery court, year, to have the Library open a part ed by Paul Jones.

as possible. country reposing in a building which are worth what they cost. dows, have been for years unable to PERSONAL NOTES ABOUT they can see from their front winavail themselves of it except when they had time, during the working hours of the day, to go and read. In view of the fact that most of the people of the city are busy during six days of every week, it would seem that to keep the Library open every evening and all day Sunday would not be too much consideration for

their interests. In the nature of things, the circu lating library arrangements which exist in other towns could not be adapted to the Congressional Library. Hayes, of Pottsville, Pa. It is a national institution, and consists largely of valuable reference books which should not be removed books which should not be removed from the premises. Moreover, there a course of music in the Boston Conservais not a great demand for a circulating library here. But there is a very their own improvement, need the use | ter with friends. of a good library of reference books, Mr. Sam W. Small, jr., has recovered and need it very badly. The wants of | from L. these people have been

quiet place to do their reading. To Miller, these people the opening of the Library on Sunday would be literally a godsend. They are the class to whom the Library means most-the booklovers, the men and women of moderate education and quick intelli-gence, who are often positively hun-captain Russell has been ordered for duty. gence, who are often positively hungry for reading. To these people Washington, on Sunday afternoon, is will be at home on Tuesdays in January. a howling desert until they succeed in getting acquainted with some per-

son who has books. There is no place of entertainment open to them save the Zoological Park, and that palls after a certain luncheon yesterday the Presbyterian number of visits. Lions, tigers, and Committee on the Revision of Creed. snakes are all very well, but there are times when one would like more in- are spending a few weeks at the Grafton. tellectual companionship. And thus far, the only time that the Library has been open on Sunday was the

The part of Cushing's Manual which | Sunday before the last inauguration, and then it was opened, not for the gressman depends largely upon which benefit of Washington people, but for the gratification of sightseers.

The Cost of Living.

The commercial reports show that the average cost of living is higher just now than it has been for many years. A decade ago the general level of prices was but little below the present figures, but after 1893 there was a marked decline, which reached its lowest point in July, 1897. From that minimum there has been a rise has a soul above smokestacks; which of no less than forty per cent; that is, where a family spent one dollar for household expenses in July, 1897, it must now, on an average, spend a dollar and forty cents.

High prices are sometimes due to may not look quite as rich and pic- the coming of war, or to some simituresque as the Potomac variety, but lar emergency. At other times they we have the consolation of knowing are caused by the increased demand that there is nothing but water in it. for necessities and luxuries which arises when work is plentiful and Some English newspapers are mak- wages are good. The low cost of living objections to feeding the new ing in the period from 1893 to 1897 Prince of Wales on lark pie; but it was the result of the panic of the forcannot be as expensive as some of the mer year and of the severe industrial larks on which King Edward regaled and commercial depression that followed. The higher prices of today accompany a time of great national prosperity.

It is better to pay a little more for food, clothes, and rent than to be out

The Enlisted Men in the Navy.

President Roosevelt has expresse a man can shoot at a tar-and-feather himself in favor of increasing the pay of the enlisted men in the navy, and in none of his recommendations has he more signally shown his practical knowledge of affairs, or his understanding of the real needs of a situa-Some of the correspondents who tion. For many years it has been no are printing elaborate stories of the ticeable that the recruits to our navy domestic affairs at the White House were largely drawn from men of for-

late; or how will they feel in that gether bad condition of things. The Scandinavians, Germans, Dutch, and other foreigners who have found It is suggested that a cooking class their way into the navy are good men for boys be part of the new course in and have proved their devotion to the little charm attached to a watch chain manual training, but it is well to go flag as thoroughly as any American slow on this. If some men knew any could have done. But all the same, more about cooking than they do, the conditions in the navy ought to their families would have to separate be such as will attract young men of American birth.

There is no reason why such conditions should not exist. There are In the annual report of Mr. Put- boys from the farming and fishing to private parties of means for about strong plea is made for the opening following the sea in ways more or of the Library on Sunday afternoon. less precarious and ill-paid, who and operate it as a memorial school. This The arguments which Mr. Putnam ad- would make the best kind of sailors was done for a while, but last February vances in this connection are well for battleships, if they could see their sound, common sense. He states that are the men who made our little navy

of every Sunday, and that this need | Even inland, along the lakes and not involve any employe's working the great rivers, there are plenty of them to rebuild the college. seven days in the week, or more than boys who would make efficient sailors, four hours on Sunday at any time. It and who have a hankering for the sea, would, in short, mean an addition of bestowed by some more or less reabout five per cent to the present an- mote seafaring ancestry. These men qual expenditure, and he urges that will all be needed with an increased Congress take action on this as soon navy, and they cannot be had unless case is inscribed the following: it is made worth their while to ship The anomalous condition of things | under the flag. With many of them it | of a noble defence of the right." which exists in regard to library fa- is not a question of personal gain, but cilities in this city can be seen with- of responsibilities of a nature which out any very deep investigation. The they cannot shirk. No good-for-nothpeople of Washington, with one of ings are likely to endure the drill of the finest collections of books in the a battleship; and the men who can

WASHINGTON PEOPLE,

Mrs. Richard W. Clay, of Philadelphia, s the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cecil

Mrs. Fitzhugh Porter and Miss Porter

Upon their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Birch will reside at 473 Maryland Avenue southwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Hayes, of I Street, near St. Aloysius Church, have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Washington

Miss Mary Pannel Morgan, of New Jersey Avenue, will leave Saturday for a

large class of people who, for study | Mrs. Aaron Harper will go to Fort in connection with their work, or for Worth, Tex., next week to spend the win-

ent illness. esterday to hunt wild ducks nac near St. Mary's. The the vicinity of Blackiston numerous flocks of ducks at d Messrs. Nelson and Bara week's shooting about

mey have not a Miss Elizabeth Byers, of Williamsport. Md., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Walker

> Capt. John H. Russell, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Russell, who have been spending the past six weeks at the Norfolk Navy Yard, made a short visit to Mrs. Russell's parents. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Howard, Mrs. G. M. Sternberg, 1440 M Street,

Mrs. Charles J. Bell will entertain at a large tea this afternoon, when she will introduce her second daughter, Miss

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage entertained at

Mrs. Fitz John Porter and Miss Porter

Mrs. David Wolfe Brown, Miss Brown, and Mrs. Mesny will be at home Saturdays in December, excepting the 21st.

OUR NATIONAL LEGISLATORS.

Senator Beveridge was the only member of the upper body to show any sympathy with Senator McLaurin after the impas oned statement made by the latter yes terday. The Indiantan walked over to where the South Carolinian sat alone biting his nails and after patting him on the back Mr. Beveridge shook hands with him while the Senate looked on. It was the first time Mr. Beveridge had had an pportunity to "get even" with Mr. Tillman and the latter smiled as the little cene was enacted. Mr. Beveridge and orable afternoon when the "man with the pitchfork" dubbed a slender statesman from the West "the Wasp of the Wa-

A number of prominent Senators were athered at luncheon in the Senate resaurant yesterday afternoon. They were discussing the fact that party lines were being drawn pretty close during this session. It was said that there would be no Populists, Silver Republicans, etc.

"How about Wellington?" asked a prom ent Western statesman. "He will caucus with neither party and as he is with either the Democrats nor the Republians he is entitled to some place to cau-

"He can take the elevator where Butler, Allen and Pettigraw used to caucus," remarked Senator Vest dryly as he walked

Representative Green of Pennsylvania

s the proud possessor of a ring that is the envy of every member in the House. The ring was purchased by the Pennsylvania statesman from a Chinaman at Singapore while on his recent tour of the Orient. It is a plain band of gold, with a cat's-eye setting. The stone in Mr. Green's ring is most peculiar. At first glance it seems clear as crystal, but when the light strikes it at the proper angle there may be seen a perfect cat's eye, an eye full of fire, with pupil dilated. The ring was once the property of Tu Foo Chow, a direct descendant of the nost ancient house in China. It is claimed that the wearer of the ring will always have good luck and never be ill. Mr. Green wants to test the marvelous powers of his ring, and hence he will not take t off to let his friends examine it. Whether the ring possesses any special virtue or not, Mr. Green arrived here from the Orient just in time to be presen at the opening of Congress while a num ber of his colleagues were delayed.

Representative Stephen Brundidge, jr. was a member of the Public Lands Committee in the last Congress and took an important part in shaping legislation reported from that committee. Mr. Brundidge represents the Sixth district of Arkansas, and is one of the most popular men in the State. This morning several worn by Judge Brundldge. Enquiry developed the fact that the watch and charm are associated with a pleasant little romance

Several years ago the citizens of Searcy, Judge Brundidge's home town, built by public subscription a college at a cost of \$50,000. This college was transferred villages all along the coast who are one-sixth of its value upon the verbal understanding that they would maintain the college was destroyed by fire, and the owners of the legal title having collected the insurance of \$20,000 refused to rebuild, but declared it their purpose to abandon the school. Judge Brundidge with the result that the owners were held

As a mark of appreciation the citizens of Searcy by popular subscription raised a purse and purchased for Judge Brun-

cessor to "Private" John M. Allen, says no State in the South has made more progress in the development of her industries than Mississippi. Her manufacto ries, he says, are fairly booming. In Corinth, his home, is located one of the most substantial and flourishing woolen mills in the South. When Mr. Candler was sworn in as a member of Congress last week he wore a pair of trousers spe cially woven for him by the Corinth

"In my opinion," said Representative J. A. Norton of Ohio today, "the old soldiers ought to be shown the same courtesies and consideration at the hands of national officers in the District of Columbia, that they are granted in the Western States. In Ohio the law requires county clerks to execute the old veterans' pension certificates gratuitously. Here in Washington a pensioner who goes before a notary is charged a fee, not a large sum in itself but, nevertheless, a burden and a big tax when considered in the aggregate. is one of the local matters that needs reforming and I hope to see action taken upon it at the present session of Con

Wilson of Brooklyn,' said State Senator Joseph Wagner, of New York, to a doorkeeper of the House this morning. In a few minutes Mr. Wilson came out. "How dy, Uncle. I'm glad to see you." exclaimed the member from Brooklyn,

"when did you get to town?" "I came in last night, Uncle," replied

This attracted the attention of severa members present, who were eager to to the human family is the know how the gentlemen could be each other's uncles. Enquiry brought out the fact that three Democrats living in Reublican districts in Brooklyn were successful over their political opponent at the polls. The Democrats are State Senator Wagner, Assemblyman Wingerfeld, and Representative Wilson. They are termed "Three Uncles," and the three "W's," which their supporters say stand for: "We will win." And they have been

In the last Congress Mr. Wilson was a member of two important committees Immigration and Naturalization and Ven-

(Buffalo Express.)

Again comes the cheering news that Miss Stone is alive. The lady has had al-most enough time to have converted the brigands—unless they are Macedonian

ALONG THE SKIRMISH LINE.

"Yes," said the Human Ostrich, "I dereloped my remarkable faculty through a long course of boarding-house pie." A gleam of hope came into the eye of

the five-dollar-a-week clerk. There had seemed no chance for him to rise in the world, but he now realized that by pa-

"Not so bad, however," commented his friend, "when you are not also bothered by absence of pocket-book."

"I wonder," said the legislator, "what liplomacy' is originally derived from? "Judging from experience," said the practical politician, "I should say it was derived from a ground-hog case."

"Here is a case," said his mother, glancing over the evening paper, "of a man who slept himself to death."

for us to git up in the mornin'." The young man came back from the Philippines, and he expected to be greeted with a brass band and pretty girls and tiating with the late Charles Gaylor, flowers and speeches. Instead, his brother-in-law met him at the station and took the street they said: "Hello, Fred; back | There were several things in it that did been clerking in Chicago. He could not that they should remain.

was now a drug in the market.

"Why, you see he is a small man, and he won so many medals at the golf tournaments that he couldn't wear them all conveniently, so he had them made into a suit of armor—same as you have seen plates covered with postage stamps, you know."

I determined to tell him what I thought of him when we met. Not iong afterward I saw Gaylor on the street. He was a venerable-looking old gentleman, with long white locks hanging over his shoulders and an equally colorless beard. I rushed up and without stopping to exchange the usual courtesies proceeded to give him my opinion of a man who would write such a letter as he had sent to me. "He stought listened attentively and

till I get roots to my feet." "There goes a man who is making history," said the proud constituent, as his leader went down the steps. "Indeed! When I saw him last he had

slipped on an orange-peel and he seemed to be making profane history."

Spanning the Globe. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

to the Philippines, under the shadow of the continent of Asia. They occupy, in addition to the two localities named, Cuba, Hawaii, Samoa and the string of islands belonging to Alaska, which extend across the northern Pacific. A week or two ago a force of United States soldiers occupied the Isthmus of Panama in the Republic of Colombia, in the assertion of treaty rights on the Panama railway, which were in danger of violation in the rebellion against Colombia, and which unquestion-ably would have been violated if the United States had not promptly taken this precaution.

The New England Idea.

(Pittsburg Dispatca.) It is interesting to learn from Vermon that a contract of sale of editorial support by a newspaper bearing the en aging title of the "Reformer" has not incredible. But that an editor who not increatible. But that an editor who, having made that thrifty transaction without enforcing the business rule of payment in advance should take the matter into court creates emotions of mingled wonder and amusement.

Many Men. Many Winds.

The Supreme Court of the United States seems to be almost evenly divided on nearly all important cases. In the recent division, involving the insular question as in other similar cases, the majority is a bare one, and those who agreed on that result arrived at their conclusions by rad-ically different routes. The element of chance in this august tribunal is alm as great as in a jury in a court of

(Chicago Record-Herald.) How to keep the Chinamen out of the country and how to negotiate jug-handle reciprocity treaties may seem like impor-tant matters to the statesman at Washington. But of vastly greater importance keeping the hen contented and industriou

The American catfish is not beautiful a an object of art, but it is not without admirers in the land of its nativity. The fame of our catish has now extended to Europe, a French society having completed arrangements to stock the with these homely specimens of the finny

What They Fear in Texas,

There seems to be a fear among th immigration and Naturalization and Ven-tilation and coustics. It was the latter committee that reported the bill resulting the breastworks that the Rough Riders in the present improved ventilation of the are going to make a sort of San Juan charge for their positions.

Weapon Against Anarchy.

THE PLAYER FOLK.

There will be several important changes nade in the cast of "The Chaperons" imnediately after the Washington engagenent is terminated. Manager Perley will present in Baltimore next week a new comedian in place of Digby Bell. Harry Conor will appear in the part of Adam

will support Andrew Mack when he makes his appearance in "Tom Moore" in this city, at the Columbia Theatre, next week. Mr. Shine has a host of local friends who have not had the opportunity of witnessing his work for several seasons.

John W. Dunne, the veteran stage manger and actor, is a thirty-second degree Mason. It is well known that the thirtyecond degree in Masonry is the highest degree that a man can ordinarily attain. "And now," murmured Johnny to his the thirty-third degree being conferred sister, "she'll be makin' that a reason only at rare intervals and for extraordinary services. Mr. Dunne relates the following interesting story of an experience he had:

"About fifteen years ago I was negoauthor of J. K. Emmett's successful play "Friend Fritz," for the right to produce him home to a dinner of roast pork and a new drama written by him. I closed squash pie, and when people met him in the right to produce the play in rehearsal. again?" with an air as if he might have not exactly suit me, but Gaylor insisted

understand it,

Finally he came to the conclusion that the common, or garden species, of hero was now a drug in the market.

"I deferred to him for a time, determined, however, that if they did not suit me later on to cut them cut. Well, they didn't suit, and I so informed Gaylor. He was now a drug in the market.

Moral: The way to be a hero is to catch in time.

"What is that queer decoration in the of the play and I determined to tell him what I thought of the play are not played."

said Max Rogers recently, "and there are more who think they can write songs and

"We get in the mail every morning a big batch of letters from amateur humorists. Since we have been playing 'In a bushel of jokes, all more or less stale, from persons whom we don't know. Many write to us and ask for tickets and en-

was on him.
'Here are three jokes I received the

Well, it's no joke to be buried dead, Say waiter, this piece of fish isn't

'That's strange, sir; it's off the same 'You're looking well today.

'Yes; I'm looking for a man who owes "These might read all right in an al-manac, but they'd never go on the stage."

There," has been creating considerable

Miss Aug was engaged to appear at a private performance given by an elite club in that city. At the last moment she failed to appear and sent word that her manager declined to permit her to perform. Later in the week she appeared at another club entertainment and was thereupon made the target for much abuse-by the members of the club at whose per-formance she refused to sing. The disagreeable talk her action occasioned apparently had no ill effect on Miss Aug, however, and it is said she enjoyed the free advertising it gave her.

Clara Morris has again invaded the stage. She made her initial appearance as a lecturer a few weeks ago in Columnet with much success.

Miss Morris takes as a subject for her lecture her experiences and recollections of the stage, and it is said that she makes as interesting a lecturer as she did an actress and later on a writer.

The first production on any stage o

Galety successes to be done in this country, will be made at the National Theatre, this city, December 30, by Nixon & Rehearsals are now in progress, and it is said, the presentation will be the

this firm. The company will be headed by Francis Wilson, who will originate the character of Sammy Gigg, a part that is reputed to

largest and most pretentious yet made by

fit the comedian to a nicety.

Among the other principals will be Adele Ritchie, Christie McDonald, Queenie Vassar, Maud Raymond, Jennie Hawley, Coyne, William Rlaisdell, Robert Evans, Win'am Broderick, Edward Gore, W. H. Thompson, Harry L. Wallace, and Joseph

Every Day Stories of the Workings and Workers of the Departments.

Island is the chairman, was for many around the head office. years attached to the Foreign Relations Committee, headed by the late Senator John Sherman, whose protege Mr. Vale was. When quite a young man Mr. Vale was. When quite a young man Mr. Vale was proficient as a stenographer, and at that time was Senator Sherman's personal secretary, the committee clerkship being held by the more seasoned Mr. Babcock. During the later years of the Senator's career in the Senate, Mr. Vele was clerk to the committee. He has been on the rolls of the Senate for over fifteen years, and today is one of the most youthful looking men who daily enter the Senate wing of the Capitol. Many changes have occurred since he first came to Washington from Ohio. As a natural consequence of long and continuous service he easily takes rank among the best committee-men of the Senate, and has imbibed a world of knowledge out of the ordinary

Deputy Comptroller of the Currency Charles P. Kane is a striking illustration of the operation of the "merit system" in the Government service. He is remembered, along in the early 86's, to have been a worker in the office of a prominent F Street claim attorney's office, where the salaries were not by any means fabulous. He was always a conhought you said you wanted me to ank, and put my finger on the weak is in your policy?"

Men I had exhausted myself said. ... no doubt, young man, that what you have just said would be very interesting to the man for whom you intended it, but I cannot see that it has anything to do with me.' I was taken back, and looking again I saw that the man I had been addressing was not Mr. Gaylor. He was not, however, angry, and, glancing at my Masonic button, said: 'I am not the one whom you wish to talk to, but I fed we are friends, anyhow.' I found the old gentleman to be a very interesting and court-sous man, and we had an intoresting and court-sous man, and we had an intoresting it fell to the erstwhile secretary. Mr. Dawes was necessarily away from the department a great deal on official business, as well as the work of his political chiefs, in consequence of which the Deputy Comptroller was frequently called upon to hold the helm of the office. The functions of the Comptroller was frequently called upon to hold the helm of the office. The functions of the Comptroller was frequently called upon to hold the helm of the office. The functions of the Comptroller of the Currency are not child's play, and it often happens the issuin. that some very delicate situations must be met, especially in the case of bank failures and the appointment of temporary receivers, all involving the issuing of careful instructions. This office is also charged with the organization of also charged with the organization of national banks, the preparation and issue of national bank circulation, as well as the redemption and destruction of notes issued by such banks—all matters calling for the highest order of executive and ad-

a purse and purchased for Judge Brundidge a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, and a locket ornamented with a diamond. On the inside of the watch case is inscribed the following:

"A token of friendship given on account to the Philippines under the shadow of the principles of the watch to the Philippines under the shadow of the shadow of the principles and to the principles and the principles and the principles and the principles and the cost part of his jokes, but I think the said was the best part of his jokes, but I think the way. Mr. Butler can name the "Here are three jokes I received the other day. They all sound like 'remembered' witticisms to me, but they are alleged to be original: in the coinage of other lands. Every quarter there come to his hands the reports from the various mints of the country of the amount of bullion coined during that space of time. These accounts are bound in book form. The "checking" of every calculation made in these ac-counts is done by Mr. Butler and his su-bordinate computers, who use all the modern devices for shortening the work Multiplying machines are called into ser others for subtraction and division and the many columns are added by an adding machine. In addition to this work Mr. Butler is charged with the collection Edna Aug, the vaudeville actress, who will be remembered for her good work as the scrub woman, and later in the Edna May musical comedy. "The Girl from Up dium stub pen and large blank sheets of paper are things of beauty to beheld.

> Miss Louise J. Middleton, a clerk in the Eastern Division of the Pension Office since 1887, in the earlier days of her public service was an expert stenographer and typewriter. When a school teacher in one of the schools of the Illinois State Capital, she was lured by tales of Washngton's beauty to exchange her billet for that of a clerk in this city. The Civil Service route had no terrors for her, hence the matter of taking an examination was hardly more than a formality, and was hardly more than a formality, and wait for results was all she had to do. Being close to the top of the eligible register, her turn soon came, and the cherished dream of living in the most beautiful of all cities was realized. She is among the most faithful of the Pension. Office employes, no small factor in the work of the Eastern Division, and husbends her annual leave each year for the bands her annual leave each year for the purpose of a long trip of rest, recupera-tion and education, at close range, on the to teach the "young idea" out of geogra-

"The Toreador," the latest of the London "Metal, Working Arms, Projectiles, Nails, Spikes," has enrolled among its force a young man named Howard A. Coombs as third assistant examiner. Mr. Coombs came to this country from a charming home in Switzerland to study and make a living. A complete course at a large Chicago university enabled him to pass creditably the difficult examination for entrance into the examin-ing corps of the Patent Office. He has become a proficient construer of patent become a proncient construer of patent claims, and can as readily "read a drawing" on one of the special subjects handled in the division of the office headed by Mr. Thomas A. Witherspoon as any of his colleagues in the office. Mr. Coombs is a student all the time, and his investigations extend into some of the higher sciences. He is an adept at chem-istry problems.

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.)

Yellow fever was stamped out by changing ing the sanitary conditions in Havana. Anarchism can be stamped out and its further growth prevented by changing unjust social and economic conditions in minust social and economic conditions in the stamped out and its flow the met in a lavish manner. After the week's engagement in Washington the company will return to New York for a pharmacist and telegraph operator in his burd.

The Spanish locale of the musical composition.

Office of Indian Affairs, has had the kind of experience which goes a long way to-men in their respective lines, are the ward making a main office employe valuable, namely, "field service." He was a pharmacist and telegraph operator in his burd.

too, might become a Human Ostrich.

"Champagne may be called a giass of fashion, but scarcely a mold of form."

"Well, if you take too much of it corrainly does affect your form."

There are some marriages in which the weeding march seems more like a two-step—into it aind out of it.

The great trouble with many people in this world is that they cannot get their feelings, and convictions, and arrangements all nicely smoothed down without some rude person coming and mussing them up.

"It is very embarrassing to be so troubled by absence of mind," said the man in the top hat, as he found that he had forgotten his theatre tickets.

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> Frank Govern, bookkeeper of the Office of Indian Affairs, is perhaps the most familiar man in the country with the finances of the various Indian tribes. The wealth of the Indian is told at a glance by the big books he runs, wherein are found the assets of each nation of indians, appropriations into which their funds are divided, and the charges which are made against each appropriation for the maintenance, support and per capita payments of the "wards of the Government." The system is simple, but is made comlex by the numberless transactions involved in financing for the red were the financing for the red men of the country. His books have to tell a true tale, must check with other books in the Treasury, and mistakes are rarely made.

James Fitzpatrick is known to more eople than almost any other member of the Treasury force, not only within the confines of the department, but throughout the country. As the chief clerical assistant of the appointment clerk he does the actual work of making out the nually made in the Treasury. His handwriting, which, by the way, is always commented upon as very superior, is very counsel. Appointed to a subordinate position in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, he quietly performed the tasks allotted to him and set about to familiarize himself with the rulings and decisions of the department and law officers of the Government, in so far as they in the course of his career than could be worn out and quarts of ink consumed in appointment making. The high desk at which he is daily at work is a point of vantage from which he sees only smilling faces, for when they come to him it is invariably to take the oath, and thus commence the important duty of salary-

> Robert Sterret, a Washingtonian, has eceived an appointment as a second lieu-enant in the United States Regular

Alexander McKenzie, Assistant Auditor of the District, is a man of great industry in the assistance of his chief and in the routine work which falls to his lot in upon the auditor is to keep the accounts of the disbursing officer. Mr. McKenzie of the disbursing officer. Mr. McKenzie personally looks after all statements made from these accounts. Mr. McKenzie also has charge of the maters pertaining to street extensions. His duties require the examination of all the papers relating to these cases, and it sometimes happens that he finds a flaw in the titles which requires straightning out before for the highest order of executive and administrative ability.

B. F. Butler, Computer of Bullion of the Mint Bureau, is a mathematical and statistical shark. He fairly "eats figures."

The District Commissioners vesterday appointed their respective secretaries as a special committee to take charge of the reviewing stand on the day of the police and firemen's parade. They are Francis Nye, Waldo Hibbs, and Moncure Burke. They will have control of the seating of the invited guests on the stand, and will escort the President and other distinguished men to the places reserved for

One of the talented men in the Office of the Auditor of the District is A. Tweedale, the head bookkeper. Tweedale takes great pride in the cor-

are a rare thing in the office. Under the authority of the District Commissioners Charles N. Church Inspector of Water Pipe, has been directed to proceed from Phillipsburg, N. J., to Camden, N. J., for the purpose of inspecting cast-iron water pipe; and Andrew Corr, of Phillipsburg, N. J., is ap-

W H. Moran, the Chief Clerk of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury De partment, though quite a young man, has been connected with the Secret Service for the last nineteen years. He is one of the shrewdest and cleverest men in the Government's secret service, and whenever there is an especially difficult and intricate case to be worked up, Mr. Moran invariably plans the movements of the operator's. Mr. Moran is entirely devoted to his duties and is counted among the most efficient officials in the Government service.

F. L. Evans is the affable ebief of Division of Accounts and Disbursements of the Agricultural Department. He has been in the service almost from time immemorial, notwithstanding his youthful apvision audits and pays all accounts and Division XIII of the Patent Office, over adjusts claims against the department; the door of which is inscribed the legend decides questions involving the expenditers to the Treasury Department and Department of Justice; issues requisitions for the purchase of supplies and requests for passenger and freight transportation.

> The Postmaster General has accepted an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Alumni Association of Union College, of which he is a member. function is to take place on Decemb at the Savoy Hotel, New York.

One of the most interesting of the many scientific divisions in the Agricultural De partment is the Food Laboratory which is in charge of W. D. Bigelow, a chemist of the department is charged with the